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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-20 are pending. Claim 20 has been added to more particularly point out Applicants' invention.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,145,083. Applicants will consider filing a terminal disclaimer if allowable subject matter is indicated.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,550,968 ("Miller") in view of Pinard et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,533,110 ("Pinard"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Miller or Pinard, either singly or in combination.

As discussed in the Specification, and in response to previous Official Actions, the present invention relates to a Telephony over LAN (ToL) system having a graphical user interface (GUI) wherein an authorized or guest user may be *locked within a ToL window, having access to the ToL features, but denied access to other parts of the computer system*. According to certain embodiments, the terminal user or subscriber may click on a "Guest" button on the ToL client GUI screen before leaving the computer. The ToL guest user may then execute the call normally. *According to a first embodiment of the invention, the ToL client locks the user into the ToL client screen*. Keystrokes and mouse cursor movements which would allow exiting the ToL client are prevented. According to a second embodiment, of the invention, the ToL client screen is "maximized" and the minimize or resize window functions are blocked. When the terminal subscriber returns, a password is entered to regain full access to the computer.

Thus, claim 1 recites "locking a guest user into said ToL client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said ToL client

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window in said guest mode, while allowing access to features within said ToL client window;" claim 6 recites "means for preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of said computer external to said ToL client window while allowing access to functions of said ToL client window;" and claim 13 recites "wherein said microprocessor is programmed to monitor signals from said mouse controller and said keyboard controller and allow performance of functions related to ToL operations and not allow performance of other functions not related to ToL operations."

In contrast, neither Pinard nor Miller have anything to do with preventing access to functions *outside* the particular application that is currently open while allowing access to functions *within* the window. Indeed, Miller does not even appear to recognize the desirability of preventing access to other applications outside a particular one. Instead, Miller relates merely to creating windows that have a region of obscuration *within* them. That is, Miller simply obscures portions of a graphical user interface window so that data cannot be read *within the window*.

For example, in FIG. 4 of Miller, the Home Phone and Address entries 48 and 50 in the window 42 are obscured (as compared to the corresponding fields in FIG. 3). The entries 48 and 50 are not themselves "ToL windows" or even windows; they are merely features of the window 42. A user of Miller could access other functions of the computer outside the window 42. *Embodiments of the present invention, however, would prevent a user from accessing functions outside the particular application in use, i.e., outside the window 42.*

Pinard is relied on merely for allegedly teaching use of a ToL window. Because, however, like Miller, the subject matter relied on does not relate to a system having a graphical user interface (GUI) wherein an authorized or guest user may be locked within a ToL window, having access to the ToL features, but denied access to other parts of the computer system, as generally recited in the claims at issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

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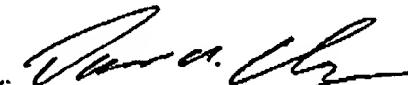
Newly added claim 20 includes limitations similar to those of claim 1 and additionally recites that "said functions comprising one or more other graphical user interface windows or program icons." For reasons similar to those discussed above, Applicants believe this claim, too, is allowable.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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